

CHANGES TO SHEEP EAR TAG REGULATIONS

New ear tagging regulations come into force on the 1st January 2015 and are as follows:

LAMBS BORN AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2015 ONWARDS

MUST be electronically tagged either with a single electronic slaughter tag (if destined to be slaughter within 12 months) or full EID (1 electronic tag and a matching non electronic tag).

LAMBS / HOGGETTS BORN DURING 2014

Can be sold up until the end of the hogget season (June 2015) still with a single non electronic batch tag or a single electronic slaughter tag or full EID.

HISTORIC FLOCK / BREEDING & CULL EWES

The historic flock being the older ewes will need to be electronic tagged with full EID (1 electronic tag and a matching non electronic tag).

If you wish to sell cull ewes without having to retag them we recommend selling them prior to the New Year. Sheep moving from Wales have different regulations, for more details contact Chris Voyce 01291 680068.

BATCH TAG

A non electronic batch tag is a single tag with just your flock number on
(Various colours except yellow)



Can be used in sheep sold for slaughter if born during 2014 and are already tagged.

Cannot be used in lambs born in 2015 or Cull ewes

ELECTRONIC SLAUGHTER TAG

An electronic Slaughter tag is a single yellow tag with just your flock number and contains a microchip with animal number.



To be used in sheep sold for slaughter or stores (if destined to be slaughter within first 12 months of life)

Cannot be used for Cull ewes

FULL EID TAGS

One electronic tag which is a single yellow tag with flock number & individual animal number and contains a microchip & one non electronic tag with the individual matching number printed on.



To be used in all breeding sheep (ewes or ewe lambs) (if destined to be not to be slaughter within first 12 months of life)

To be used for Historic flock including cull ewes.